

Arlington Master Plan Advisory Committee
Central School, Arts and Crafts Room - 7:00 PM
Minutes of January 22, 2015
Approved: February 5, 2015

Members present: Charles Kalauskas, Bob Radochia, Wendy Richter, Joe Barr, Pam Heidell, Sheri Baron

Members absent: Eric Bourassa, Melissa Tintocalis, Ann LeRoyer, Carol Svenson, Harris Band

Also present : Joe Curro (BoS); Bruce Fitzsimmons, Andrew Bunnell (ARB); Carol Kowalski, Ted Fields, Laura Wiener (Planning Department)

Members of the Public present: Wynelle Evans, Karen Grossman

The meeting was called to order at 7:05PM by Co-Chair Charlie Kalauskas.

Review and Discussion of Comments following ARB Master Plan Public Hearing

Carol K. led a discussion based on the document "Recommendations for addressing comments received after hearing".

- Document needs a paragraph that describes what a master plan is and isn't. Webster Master Plan statement was read and all agreed it was a good place to start. Bruce suggested need to emphasize that it is a town-wide plan, not looking at each lot or block.
- Maps should be incorporated into sections if possible.
- Residential--To address concern about adding residential, add language that we want to affirmatively promote affordable housing and senior housing. To address concerns about residential neighborhoods, simplify/refine language about ways to address, and add "these are issues that need to be reckoned with in the future." (Wendy).
- Glossary of terms and acronyms should be added.
- Zoning districts--Explain better why too many business districts are hurting us. Existing business districts follow existing land use, not what we want to see. Freezes existing uses. Hard to assemble parcels to do anything bigger.

Ted read Ann LeRoyer's list of comments.

Staff will develop 5 page document that summarizes themes, for Feb. 5 meeting. MPAC will review. ARB is scheduled to adopt the plan on Monday, Jan. 26. Many MPAC members plan to be present. Carol will send an email to all members about meeting and will post the meeting for MPAC. ARB will also vote on Warrant Article language, for Town Meeting (TM) to accept the plan. Sheri talked to Moderator John Leone about procedure and language. Should master plan be endorsed, accepted, or received? Caro K. noted that Town Counsel said Town Meeting does not "endorse", though Joe Curro noted they have endorsed the CDBG program each year. If TM receives it as a report, can there be discussion? Sheri will follow up with Moderator. Joe Curro also suggested that ARB could ask for a Resolution which should specify that we will be coming back to TM for specific actions, with examples. ARB will finalize language.

Minutes of Jan. 8, 2015 meeting were amended slightly and approved unanimously. Amendment: in first paragraph, change "Cultural Designation" to "Cultural District".

Outreach process and schedule. Laura reported that she is working on scheduling 4 meetings for Town Meeting members, though they will also be open to public. Tentative schedule was discussed. Sheri suggested doing one meeting after the Town election March 28 that can include newly elected TM members. Laura will reschedule. Locations will be Dallin, Stratton, Thompson and Central School.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:40.

Minutes submitted by Laura Wiener